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1. DURING MEETING WITH POL COUNSELOR MARCH 14, DEPUTY DIRECTOR MFA USA DIVISION FEDOSEYEV PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CODEL VISIT AND REQUESTSD ANSWERS TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS. WE HAVE TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17 WITH CHIEF OF SUPREME SOVIET INERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, VASILY G. VYSOTIN, TO GO OVER DETAILS OF VISIT. REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPLY TO AS MANY ITEMS LISTED BELOW AS POSSIBLE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH 17.

2. ACCOMODATIONS. CODEL, STAFF AND AIRCRAFT CREW WILL ALL STAY AT GOVERNMENT-OWNED HOTEL SOVIETSKAYA. THREE MEALS A DAY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HOTEL, AND SUPREME SOVIET WILL BEAR COSTS OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES. CODEL EXPECTED TO PAY FOR LODGING. FEDOSEYEV WENT OVER ROOM REQUIREMENTS WHICH WE HAD GIVEN HIM PER STATE 044911 (16 DOUBLES, 10 SINGLES) AND REQUEST FOR CREW ACCOMODATIONS (9 DOUBLES, 2 SINGLES). FEDOSEYEV GAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON ROOM AVAILABILITY AND COSTS (PER DAY) AT SOVIETSKAYA:

3 LUXUR SUITES WITH 4 ROOMS EACH 100 RUBLES
9 LUXURY DOUBLES WITH 3 ROOMS EACH 80 RUBLES
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TWO-ROOM LUXURY DOUBLE ROOMS 50 RUBLES

(SITTING ROOM AND BEDROOM)

"SEMI-LUXURY" ONE-ROOM DOUBLES 35 RUBLES

DOUBLE ROOM 30 RUBLES

SINGLE ROOM 24 RUBLES

CONTROL ROOM SUITE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT CODEL COST.

3. FEDOSEYEV ASKED FOR "URGENT" INDICATION OF CODEL'S DESIRES FOR ACCOMODATIONS, BECAUSE HOTEL HAS PENDING REQUESTS FROM OTHER DELETATIONS, AND WISHES TO TAKE CARE OF CODEL FIRST. FEDOSEYEV ALSO PRESSED FOR COMPLETE PROTOCOL LISTING OF SENATORS INCLUDING SENATORS, WIVES, STAFF AND CREW. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. TASHKENT-SAMARKAND. FEDOSEYEV SAID CODEL WOULD NOT RPT NOT OVERNIGHT IN SAMARKAND. CODEL WILL BE FLOWN BY SPECIAL CHARTERED AIRCRAFT TO TASHKENT MARCH 27 AND WILL SPEND THAT DAY IN TASHKENT. CODEL WILL FLY TO SAMARKAND FROM TASHKENT MORNING MARCH 28 AND RETURN TASHKENT SAME DAY. CODEL WILL BE CHARGED FOR LATTER FLIGHT AT COMMERCIAL RATE OF ABOUT 20 RUBLES PER PERSON FOR ROUND TRIP. CODEL WILL ALSO PAY FOR LODGING IN TASHKENT. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ROOM RATES BUT THOUGHT THEY WOULD B SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN IN MOSCOW. FEDOSEYEV ALSO ASKED IF ABOUT TEN OR TWELVE SOVIETS ACCOMPANYING CODEL COULD FLY ON U.S. AIRCRAFT FROM MOSCOW TO TASHKENT.

5. ACTION REQUEST: DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ADVISE IF ARRANGEMENTS FOR TASHKENT-SAMARKAND ARE SATISFACTORY TO CODEL AND IF SOVIETS MAY FLY WITH CODEL TO TASHKENT ON U.S. AIRCRAFT.

6. TRAVEL BY SENATORS JAVITS AND CASE AND WIVES. FEDOSEYEV SAID SOVIETS WOULD BE PLEASED TO HELP ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD BY SENATORS JAVITS, CASE AND THEIR WIVES. HE DID NOT THINK, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS DIRECT FLIGHT FROM TASHKENT TO LENINGRAD. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE INFORMATION ON THEIR ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF STAY IN LENINGRAD AS WELL AS THEIR DESTINATION THEREAFTER.

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7. ACTION REQUESTED. MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON PLANS OF SENATORS JAVITS AND CASE AND ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR THEIR VISIT WHEN THEY SPLIT OFF FROM CODEL IN TASHKENT.

8. PROGRAM. FEDOSEYEV PROVIDED ONLY GENERAL OUTLINE OF CODEL'S PROGRAM. (WE MAY RECEIVE MORE DETAILS ON

MARCH 17.) DURING STAY IN MOSCOW THERE WILL BE FOUR SESSIONS AT SUPREME SOVIET IN KREMLIN WITH SENATORS AND THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS (DEPUTIES OF SUPREME SOVIET WHO ARE MEMBERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RELATED COMMITTEES). CANDIDATE POLITBURO MEMBER BORIS PONOMAREV WILL HEAD SOVIET GROUP. USA INSTITUTE DIRECTOR (AND SUPREME SOVIET DEPUTY) GEORGIY ARBATOV WILL BE WITH CODEL THROUGHOUT VISIT. SESSIONS WILL GENERALLY TAKE PLACE DURING MORNING OURS. SOVIETS HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS U.S.-SOVIET BILATERAL RELATIONS, INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, PER REQUEST BY CODEL. OTHER VISITS TO SOVIET INSTITUTIONS WILL BE ARRANGED ACCORDING TO CODEL'S DESIRES. FEDOSEYEV MENTIONED USA INSTITUTE, IMEMO, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES INSTITUTE ON LAW, AND STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (KIRILLIN AND GVISHIANI). SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION BUFFET IS FIRM FOR EVENING MARCH 24 AND VENINGS AT CIRCUS AND BOLSHOY BALLET (NUTCRACKER SUITE) ALSO BEING ARRANGED. THERE WILL BE A SOVIET-HOSTED LUNCH IN KREMLIN MARCH 25. IN TASHKENT THERE WILL BE A MEETING AND A LUNCH AT RPUBLIC SUPREME SOVIET. SIGHTSEEING IN TASHKENT AND SAMARKAND IS BEING ARRANGED.

9. AFTER MARCH 23 ARRIVAL SOVIETS PLAN TO HAE CODEL GO DIRECTLY TO HOTEL FOR REST WITH NOTHING PLANNED THAT EVENING. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT HOTEL. IF CODEL DESIRES, AMBASSADOR WOULD BE GLAD TO HOST AN INFORMAL DINNER EVENING MARCH 23 WITH ONLY CODEL AND SOME MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF INVITED. EMBASSY PREPARED TO BRIEF DELEGATION AND SUGGESTS THAT MOST APPROPRIATE TIME TO DO SO WOULD BE IN ADVANCE OF MEETINGS WITH SOVIETS. BEST TIME WOULD BE MORNING MARCH 24 BEFORE FIRST SESSION BEGINS. DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE REQUESTED.

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10. WIVES PROGRAM. FEDOSEYEV HAD LITTLE INFORMATION ON WIVES PROGRAM EXPCET TO INDICATE THERE WOULD BE SIGHTSEEING. INTERPRETERS, FEMALE DEPUTIES OF SUPREME SOVIET AND WIVES OF SOVIET HOSTS WILL ACCOMPANY. SEVERAL EMBASSY WIVES WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO ACCOMPANY.

11. SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION GUEST LIST. FEDOSEYEV SAID SUGGETIONS FOR SOVIET INVITEES WOULD BE PROVIDED LATER BUT SAID FOLLOWIG COULD PROBABLY BE INCLUDED: (A) MR. PONOMAREV; (B) ALL SOVIET DEPUTIES PARTICIPATING IN TALKS; (C) OFFICIALS OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE; (D) OFFICIALS FROM STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

12. ACTION REQUESTED. INDICATION OF CODEL'S DESIRES

FOR SVOIETS THEY WOULD PARITCUARLY LIKE TO HAE INVITED TO SPASO HOUSE RECEPTION.

13. OTHER ITEMS: FEDOSEYEV DID NOT SHED ANY LIGHT ON WHETHER CODEL WOULD BE RECEIVED BY BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN OR PODGORNY. (COMMENT: AS IN PAST, THIS WILL PROBABLY ONLY BE MADE KNOWN AT LAST MINUTE.)

-- SOVIETS WILL HANDLE ALL TRANSPORTATION AND BAGGAGE. SEPARATE CARS WILL PROBABLY BE PROVIDED FOR EACH CODEL MEMBER AND WIFE, WITH SHARED CARS AND/OR BUSES FOR STAFF. EMBASSY PLANS ASSIGN LOCAL EMPLOYEE TO HOTEL TO HELP OUT WITH CAR DISPATCHING.

-- SOVIETS PLAN TO GIVE "SOUVENIR" GIFTS TO CODEL MEMBERS. THEY WILL NOT EXCEED \$50 IN VALUE.
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